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SUBJ: ALGERIAN STATEMENT ON CYPRUS

1. AUGUST 31 EL-MOUDJAHID PUBLISHED STATEMENT BY ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN THAT GOA "WAS CONSIDERING WITH INTEREST VARIOUS SOVIET INITIATIVES ON CYPRUS."

2. SPOKESMAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT IN ALGERIAN VIEW CONFERENCE WHICH INCLUDED PARTIES, MEMBERS OF UNSC AND EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION FROM NON-ALIGNED GROUP COULD PRODUCE SATISFACTORY RESULTS PROVIDING IT HAD ADVANCE APPROVAL OF ALL PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED.

3. ACCORDING TO TURKISH AMB. MELEK, ALGERIANS HAD UNDERSTOOD FIRST TURKISH INTERVENTION AS BEING WITHIN TURKISH RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER EXISTING ACCORDS, AND HAD PRIVATELY AGREED THAT PROBLEM
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COULD BE BEST RESOLVED BY THE FIVE PARTIES. ON

THIS BASIS, HE SAID, ALGERIANS HAD BEEN OPPOSED TO SOVIET APPEAL FOR UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. AFTER BREAKDOWN OF TALKS, HOWEVER, AND SECOND TURKISH INTERVENTION, PRESSURE BEGAN TO MOUNT ON ALGERIANS FROM YUGOSLAVS AND OTHERS FOR MORE ACTIVE NON-ALIGNED ROLE.

4. TURKISH AMB. BELIEVES ALGERIANS WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO REMAIN SILENT EVEN NOW. THEY DO NOT LIKE PRECEDENT OF CONDONING SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN SETTLEMENT OF MEDITERRANEAN DISPUTES AND THEY REALIZE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS HAVE DIFFERING VIEWS ON SUBJECT, WITH NUMBER OF ARAB STATES LEANING TOWARD TURKEY. BUT LEADERSHIP MUST BE EXERCISED TO BE MAINTAINED, AND THIS WAS PURPOSE OF ALGERIAN STATEMENT. TURKS WERE NOT DISSATISFIED WITH IT, HE SAID, SINCE IT SPECIFIED ACCEPTANCE BY PARTIES AS PRECONDITION. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD DISCUSS CYPRUS SITUATION IN NEW YORK PRIOR TO CONVENING UNGA AND PROBABLY MANDATE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU TO FOLLOW MATTER.

5. TURKISH AMB. SAID FORMER TURKISH FONMIN WOULD VISIT ALGIERS SEPT. 8 TO EXPLAIN TURKISH POSITION FURTHER TO GOA.
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